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Applicant: Paul J. Young, et al.
 Serial No.: 10/663,154
 Filed: September 15, 2003
 For: STABLE ACIDIC MILK BASED BEVERAGE
 Customer No.: 29540

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to allow the entry of the concurrently filed amendment and substitute specification so that the above-application can be granted a filing date of September 15, 2003. This Petition is being filed in response to the "Decision on Petition" mailed July 16, 2004 dismissing Applicants' initial "Petition to Accord Filing Date" filed on June 14, 2004.

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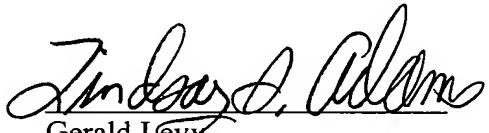
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The present application is a division of Serial No.: 09/808,769 filed March 15, 2001. The "Transmittal Letter" filed with the present application under heading 18 recites that the present application is a division and "incorporates by reference" the entire disclosure of parent application, Serial No.: 09/808,769. A copy of the "Transmittal Letter" is attached as Exhibit A. The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure at §201.06(c)(II)(A) states that an application not entitled to a filing date due to omitted material can be completed upon submission of the material that was originally incorporated by reference. Accordingly, Applicants request that the present Petition be granted and the amendment and specification be entered thereby maintaining the filing date of September 15, 2003 for the present application.

Applicants also submit herewith a check for \$130.00 to cover the requisite Petition fee. However, if any additional fees are necessary, please charge such sums to our Deposit Account 50-1145.

Applicants also hereby request that, prior to rendering a Decision, the Petition Officer contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number set forth below if any additional submissions are required to complete the Petition.

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(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 22]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets]
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 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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 - ii. Paper
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9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: 09/808,769.....

Art Unit: 1761

Prior application information:

Examiner Leslie Wong

For CONTINUATION OF DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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